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## Families Record Their Stories at WTC Site

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NEW YORK -- In the nearly four years since terrorists killed her brother and nearly 3,000 others in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Norene Schneider says she has experienced a spectrum of unimaginable emotions as she worked through her grief. On Tuesday, she joined relatives of other Sept. 11 victims to record some of her memories at a newly opened oral history booth at the World Trade Center site.

"Sept. 11 is how he died, it's not who he was," she said of her brother, Tommy Sullivan, who was attending a business meeting in the Windows on the World restaurant when terrorists flew airliners into the twin towers.

"He was a wonderful father and a husband, a son that every mother wishes she had, an overly attentive nephew and a big brother whose shoes I can never fill."

The booth, run by an oral history project called StoryCorps, allows survivors of the attacks and family members of victims to record 40-minute tapes describing their experiences. The participants are then given a CD copy of the recording and a second copy is sent to the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

Although the booth is making special accommodations to elicit the memories of Sept. 11 victims and survivors, it is part of a national StoryCorps effort aimed

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The boxes where visitors to can listen to short excerpts of previously recorded interviews with family members of victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center at the StoryCorps-WTC booth are photographed during the opening ceremony of StoryCorps-WTC, Tuesday, July 12, 2005 in New York. StoryCorps oral history project is a freestanding recording booth in the World Trade Center PATH station. Rescue workers, family members of the dead, and others will be able to record 40-minute interviews with the help of a facilitator. Participants will get a CD of the session and passers-by will be able to hear short excerpts of previously recorded interviews. Copies of the recordings will be preserved at the Library of Congress. (AP Photo/Mary Altaffer) (Mary Altaffer - AP)

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